

2. Mr. Mandel, of the staff of the Internal Security Subcommittee, called to state that the Committee would have as a witness on 29 March [redacted] a Latvian now an American citizen and author of [redacted]. This book is alleged to be heavily pro-Communist. Mr. Mandel stated that the Committee would like to have, in confidence, any information we had concerning [redacted] and the name of an appropriate Baltic refugee of sufficient eminence to testify concerning the "slant" of "The Baltic Riddle" and certain facts in connection with it. After consultation with [redacted] told Mr. Mandel that the best refugee we might recommend was [redacted] the last Minister of Public Affairs in Latvia, who was considered to be well versed in the ins and outs of Communism. I suggested to Mr. Mandel that he might wish to check with the Kersten Committee investigating the takeover of the Baltic nations as to their suggested for a witness and as to the effectiveness of Berzins when he appeared before their Committee.

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